

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) Salts of asiatic and madecassic acids with pharmaceutically acceptable organic bases, characterized in that said bases are selected from the group consisting of ethylenediamine, ethanolamine, diethanolamine, lysine, benzyltrimethylammonium hydroxide and tetramethylammonium hydroxide.

2. (Currently Amended) Salts of the asiatic and madecassic acids as claimed in claim 1 characterized in that they are in gel form consisting of said salts and water with a ratio between salt and water ranging from 1:12 to 1:20.

3. (Currently Amended) Pharmaceutical and cosmetic compositions suitable for topic and systemic treatment of erythema, varicose ulcers, venous insufficiency, bedsores, delayed cicatrization, ambustions, traumatic and surgery wounds, ophthalmic alloeosises, alloeosises of the cutaneous trophism and inflammatory diseases, comprising a pharmaceutically effective or cosmetically idoneous amount of a salt as claimed in claim 1 in mixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable or cosmetically idoneous excipient and/or diluent substances.

4. (Original) Process for the preparation of salts of asiatic or madecassic acid with pharmaceutically acceptable organic bases as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

- a) a solution of said organic base in an organic solvent is prepared;
- b) a solution of asiatic or madecassic acid in an organic solvent is prepared;
- c) the solution of asiatic or madecassic acid is added to the solution of the organic

base;

d) the mixture obtained in the step c) is heated at a temperature ranging from 40 to 70°C;

e) the solvent is removed and the residue is washed with an organic solvent and crystallized from organic solvent.

5. (Original) Process as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the molar ratio between organic base and asiatic or madecassic acid ranges from 3:1 to 1:1.